

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 29, 2003. Reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the amendments above and the remarks following is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-35 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1-35 have been rejected. Claims 1 and 17 are now amended.

Claims Rejections Under 35 USC 102

The Examiner rejects claims 1-7, 9-22, 24-30, 31 and 32 under 35USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Joong et al. The Examiner agrees that having a live telephone connection is valid argument and is distinguishable from prior art cited, but does not find anything in the previously amended claims indicating that the connection is a live connection. In light of the rejection, independent claims 1 and 17 are amended to state that a voice connection is established between the roaming mobile subscriber and the requested service, in addition to the signaling path between the first and second service nodes over the packet-switch network.

In the present invention the first and second service nodes exchange information required for providing the requested service to the subscriber, where the information includes at least a subscriber identification signal. The subscriber identification signal is reassociated with the voice connection at the home network, thereby effectively creating a unified path connecting the subscriber to the requested service. The home network is thus provided with the voice signal along with the subscriber identification signal. In one embodiment, the voice connection is a

Voice-over-IP connection (VoIP), so that the voice and signaling data may both be carried over the packet switch channel connecting the service nodes. Thus the linkage between the voice signal and control data which includes the subscriber identification signal, and the subscriber may readily access services available on the home network.

Joong by contrast does not teach the establishment of a voice connection, and particularly does not teach the establishment of a signaling connection in addition to the voice connection. Additionally, Joong does not teach that the control information that is provided over the signaling connection is reassociated with the voice connection. It is the reassociation that enables the home located service to identify the subscriber requesting the service, and hence to provide the subscriber with the requested service.

It is believed that the independent claims as amended are allowable, particularly in light of the above comments. It is believed that the dependent claims are allowable as being dependent on allowable main claims, and the specific objections against the dependent claims are therefore not responded to individually.

Claims Rejections Under 35USC 103 - Joong et al in view of Comer

The Examiner rejects claims 8 and 23 rejected under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Joong et al and further in view of Comer (5,588,042).

It is believed that claims 8 and 23 are allowable as being dependent on allowable main claims, and the specific objections against the dependent claims are therefore not responded to individually.

Claims Rejections Under 35USC 103(a) - Joong et al in view of Comer

The Examiner has rejected claims 8 and 23 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Joong et al in view of Comer (5,588,042).

It is believed that claims 8 and 23 are allowable as being dependent on allowable main claims, and the specific objections against the dependent claims are therefore not responded to individually.

Claims Rejections Under 35USC 103(a) - Joong et al in view of Brown et al

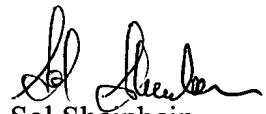
The Examiner has rejected claims 33-35 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Joong et al in view of Brown et al (5,668,875).

It is believed that claims 33-35 are allowable as being dependent on allowable main claims, and the specific objections against the dependent claims are therefore not responded to individually.

It is believed that all of the matters raised by the Examiner are overcome and that all of the claims are both novel and inventive. No new matter is added by the present amendments.

Early allowance of the application is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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